

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information recording/reproducing apparatus performs reading and writing of information with respect to an information recording medium in which user data areas and alternative areas are alternately arranged. 5 The apparatus includes means for assigning, when an error occurs in a certify process or a verify process and an alternative destination is to be assigned, in the case where an unused field does not exist in the 10 alternative area corresponding to the user data area in which the error occurs, the alternative destination in another alternate area on which the certify process or the verify process is performed.